

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON JANUARY 12, 2017

Commission Chairman Sally A. Talberg called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.  
Executive Secretary Kavita Kale called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

**PRESENT**

Commission: Sally A. Talberg, Chairman  
Norman J. Saari, Commissioner  
Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

Staff: Kavita Kale  
Lisa Gold  
Judy Palnau  
Al Freeman  
Chris Forist  
Jake Thelen  
Derrell Slaughter  
Paul Proudfoot  
Gloria Pearl Jones

Public: Donald Hazzard  
Arloa Kaiser  
Antonette Noakes, Consumers Energy  
Kwafo Adarkwa, ITC  
Adella Crozier, DTE Energy  
Margaret Suchta, DTE Energy  
Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA  
Michael J. Pattwell, ABATE  
Jacob Kanclerz, MIRS

- I.** Commissioner Saari moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The agenda was approved.

- II.** Commissioner Saari moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of December 20, 2016, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The minutes were approved.

### **III. ORDERS**

#### **A. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. U-14302 AT&T MICHIGAN AND CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
U-18221 FRONTIER NORTH INC. AND ONVOY SPECTRUM, LLC  
(interconnection agreements and amendments)

Case No. U-14302 et al. requests Commission approval of interconnection agreements and amendments. The order before you approves the requests. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. MINUTE AT&T MICHIGAN  
ACTION (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000)

Adopt and issue minute dated January 12, 2017, finding that the attached AT&T Michigan invoice No. 517 R41-0001 067 9 for the period of September 1, 2016, to November 30, 2016, is for wireless emergency service costs recoverable under 2007 PA 165, MCL 484.1408(4)(b). The Commission approves the attached invoice in the amount of \$113,630.80 for reimbursement by the Michigan Department of Treasury. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the minute at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The minute was adopted.

3. MINUTE PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES,  
ACTION LLC  
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000)

Adopt and issue minute dated January 12, 2017, finding that the attached Peninsula Fiber Network Next Generation Services, LLC invoice No. 50002096 for the period of March 8, 2016, to November 30, 2016, is for wireless emergency service costs recoverable under 2007 PA 165, MCL 484.1408(4)(b). The Commission approves the attached invoice in the amount of \$497,467.80 for reimbursement by the Michigan Department of Treasury. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the minute at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The minute was adopted.

**B. ELECTRIC**

1. U-16287 DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY  
(application requesting temporary waiver)

Case No. U-16287 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company requesting a temporary waiver of portions of the Commission's Technical Standards for Electric Service, Mich Admin Code R 460.3613, which governs electric meter testing. The order before you approves the temporary waiver as set forth in the order. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-17895 UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY  
(petition for rehearing)

Case No. U-17895 involves an application by Upper Peninsula Power Company for authority to increase its rates for retail electric service. The order before you denies the petition for rehearing filed by Citizens Against Rate Excess. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari

Abstained – Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-17920 DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY  
(’16 PSCR plan)

Case No. U-17920 involves an application by DTE Electric Company for approval of a power supply cost recovery plan and for approval of monthly power supply cost recovery factors for the year 2016. The order before you approves the plan, and accepts the company’s 5-year forecast. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-18080 ALPENA POWER COMPANY  
(’15 RE reconciliation)

Case No. U-18080 involves an application by Alpena Power Company for authority to reconcile renewable energy revenues and expenses for 2015. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

5. U-18122 DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY  
(application for accounting authority)

Case No. U-18122 involves an application by DTE Electric Company for accounting authority to defer certain costs associated with its new Customer 360 Billing System. The order before you denies the requested accounting authority. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks

Nays – None

The order was adopted.

6. U-18194 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY  
(power purchase contract)

Case No. U-18194 involves an application by Consumers Energy Company for approval of long-term power purchase contracts. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

7. U-18197 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION  
(annual capacity assessment)

The order in Case No. U-18197 requires regulated electric utilities to file assessments of their ability to meet customers’ expected electric requirements for 2017 through 2021, requests the utilities’ affiliates, alternative electric suppliers, and other suppliers to file similar assessments, and invites all interested persons to submit comments and suggestions regarding potential capacity needs in Michigan. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

8. U-18210 SURENE WEHAB v DTE ENERGY COMPANY

Case No. U-18210 involves a complaint filed by Surene Wehab against DTE Energy Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint at the request of the complainant because the complaint was resolved. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

**C. GAS**

1. U-17131-R DTE GAS COMPANY  
(petition for rehearing)

Case No. U-17131-R involves an application filed by DTE Gas Company for reconciliation of its gas cost recovery expenses and revenues for the 12-month period ended March 31, 2014. The order before you denies a petition for rehearing filed by DTE Gas Company. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-17694-R NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY  
(‘15-’16 GCR reconciliation)

Case No. U-17694-R involves an application by Northern States Power Company requesting authority to reconcile its gas cost recovery revenues and expenses for the 12-month period ended March 31, 2016, and for other relief. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-17695-R PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP  
(‘15-’16 GCR reconciliation)

Case No. U-17695-R involves an application by Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op requesting authority to reconcile its gas cost recovery revenues and expenses for the 12-month period ended March 31, 2016. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order

at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-18121 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION  
(investigation into alleged slamming by Direct Energy)

Case No. U-18121 involves the Commission’s own motion to open an investigation into slamming allegations against Direct Energy Services, LLC. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in this case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

5. U-18174 MHC SWAN CREEK, L.L.C., v WOLVERINE PIPELINE COMPANY

Case No. U-18174 involves a complaint filed by MHC Swan Creek, L.L.C., against Wolverine Pipeline Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint and counterclaim without prejudice at the request of the parties. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

6. U-18189 LEO AND MARGIE MCCLAIN v CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

Case No. U-18189 involves a complaint filed by Leo and Margie McClain against Consumers Energy Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice at the request of the complainants. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

Chairman Talberg announced that a Special Commission Meeting will be held on January 20, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

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Kavita Kale  
Executive Secretary